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Michael Machado
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Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of the Antioch Historical Society, I am writing to express support of a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, for which the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) is conducting a feasibility study. The Antioch Historical Society recognizes the NHA as a method to gain more visibility of the diverse historical and cultural resources of the Delta, which are a valuable part of the national story.

The Antioch Historical Society Museum is located in the former Riverview Union High School, situated just south and within view of the San Joaquin River. This building opened in 1911 as the first union high school in Contra Costa County, and is now on the National Register of Historical Places. Museum exhibits highlight the history of Antioch and East Contra Costa County, and include several displays relevant to Delta history on topics including wildlife, Native Americans, agriculture, canneries, and maritime history. A Delta NHA will be a way to help further public education on topics such as these, as well as help people gain an understanding of the Delta and the communities that lie within it.

Once again, the Antioch Historical Society expresses strong support for a Delta NHA and looks forward to future opportunities to be involved in NHA activities.

Sincerely,

Robert Martin
President